

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 455
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 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 2;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 455 By: Uresti

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the operations of the Employment-First Task Force.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 531.02448(b), (f), (g), and (j),
 1-24 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
 1-25 (b) If the executive commissioner establishes a task force
 1-26 for the purposes described by Subsection (a), the executive
 1-27 commissioner shall determine the number of members on the task
 1-28 force. The executive commissioner shall appoint at least the
 1-29 following as members, subject to Subsection (e):
 1-30 (1) an individual with a disability;
 1-31 (2) a family member of an individual with a
 1-32 disability;
 1-33 (3) three representatives [a representative] of the
 1-34 commission, one of whom represents the commission's behavioral
 1-35 health services functions and one of whom represents the
 1-36 commission's aging and disability services functions;
 1-37 (4) ~~[a representative of the Department of Assistive~~
 1-38 ~~and Rehabilitative Services;~~
 1-39 ~~[(5) a representative of the Department of State~~
 1-40 ~~Health Services;~~
 1-41 ~~[(6) a representative of the Department of Aging and~~
 1-42 ~~Disability Services;~~
 1-43 ~~[(7)] a representative of the Department of Family and~~
 1-44 ~~Protective Services;~~
 1-45 (5) two representatives [(8) a representative] of
 1-46 the Texas Workforce Commission, one of whom represents the Texas
 1-47 Workforce Commission's assistive and rehabilitative services
 1-48 functions;
 1-49 (6) ~~[(9)]~~ a representative of the Texas Education
 1-50 Agency;
 1-51 (7) ~~[(10)]~~ an advocate for individuals with
 1-52 disabilities;
 1-53 (8) ~~[(11)]~~ a representative of a provider of
 1-54 integrated and competitive employment services; and
 1-55 (9) ~~[(12)]~~ an employer or a representative of an
 1-56 employer in an industry in which individuals with disabilities
 1-57 might be employed.
 1-58 (f) A task force established under this section or an
 1-59 existing committee or task force used for purposes of this section
 1-60 shall:

2-1 (1) design an education and outreach process targeted
2-2 at working-age individuals with disabilities, including young
2-3 adults with disabilities, the families of those individuals, the
2-4 state agencies listed in Subsection (b), and service providers,
2-5 that is aimed at raising expectations of the success of individuals
2-6 with disabilities in integrated, individualized, and competitive
2-7 employment;

2-8 (2) develop recommendations for policy, procedure,
2-9 and rules changes that are necessary to allow the employment-first
2-10 policy described under Section 531.02447(b) to be fully implemented
2-11 and to provide guidance and assistance to a state agency in
2-12 implementing those changes;

2-13 (2-a) meet at least quarterly and at other times at the
2-14 call of the presiding officer; and

2-15 (3) not later than September 1 of each even-numbered
2-16 year, prepare and submit to the office of the governor, the
2-17 legislature, and the executive commissioner a report regarding the
2-18 task force's findings and recommendations, including:

2-19 (A) information that reflects the potential and
2-20 actual impact of the employment-first policy on the employment
2-21 outcomes for individuals with disabilities; and

2-22 (B) recommendations for improvement of
2-23 employment services and outcomes, including employment rates, for
2-24 individuals with disabilities based on the reported impact of an
2-25 employment-first policy under Paragraph (A) that may include:

2-26 (i) recommendations relating to using any
2-27 savings to the state resulting from the implementation of the
2-28 employment-first policy to further improve the services and
2-29 outcomes; and

2-30 (ii) recommendations developed under
2-31 Subdivision (2) regarding necessary policy, procedure, and rules
2-32 changes.

2-33 (g) A member of a task force established under this section
2-34 is not entitled to compensation. Members may be reimbursed for
2-35 expenses as follows:

2-36 (1) a member described by Subsection (b)(1) or (2) is
2-37 entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses
2-38 as provided in the General Appropriations Act;

2-39 (2) a member appointed as a representative of a state
2-40 agency is eligible for reimbursement for travel and other necessary
2-41 expenses according to the applicable agency's policies; and

2-42 (3) a member described by Subsection (b)(7) [~~(b)(10)~~],
2-43 (8) [~~(11)~~], or (9) [~~(12)~~] is entitled to reimbursement for travel
2-44 and other necessary expenses to be paid equally out of available
2-45 money appropriated to the commission and to health and human
2-46 services agencies.

2-47 (j) A task force established under this section is abolished
2-48 and this [~~this~~] section expires September 1, 2021 [~~2017~~].

2-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect August 31, 2017.

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